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PRICE SUITS THEM

WISCONSIN MEN MAY INVEST IN FARM LANDS.

Pleased With Land Conditions Here
Where Farms are held at
High Value.

William McKinzie and H. A. Dowd, recent arrivals on the Pacific slope from Wisconsin, were in Athena this week seeking investments in farm land.

The gentlemen have traveled extensively through the Northwest, and expressed themselves as being more pleased with farming conditions here than any where they had been. The high price of land and the fact that few farms in this locality were offered for sale, appealed to them as being the section they desired to locate in. A farm at \$60 per acre was the lowest price offered them, while in one or more instances \$100 per acre was the price asked. Apparently the price did not scare them.

Mr. McKinzie desires to purchase a half section of land and Mr. Dowd will purchase a farm of 160 acres. The gentlemen left yesterday morning for Seattle, where they are temporarily located, with the intention of returning soon to Athena, for the purpose of further investigation.

SPECIAL MESSAGE.

Governor Protests Against Nullifying
the Referendum.

The governor has sent a message calling attention to the too frequent insertion of the emergency clause, thereby exempting the bill from referendum. He said he would veto all bills to which the cause is unwarrantably attached.

The republican senators regard this as a threat, and in caucus have agreed to vote as a unit to override any veto based on this reason.

Thirty-one clerks are recommended by the joint committee of the senate and house to serve on the committees of investigation of the state institutions.

A hot fight is expected over the amendments to the local option law proposed by the liquor interests. They propose a purely precinct option law with 40 per cent of the registered voters necessary to call an election. In incorporated cities and towns only the residence precincts will be subject to the operation of the law.

IS UNDER A CLOUD

SENATOR MITCHELL APPEARS IN THE SENATE.

Makes a Speech Full of Dramatic
Fervor, Declaring There Is No
Evidence to Support Charges

A Washington dispatch says the unusual spectacle of a United States senator explaining on the floor of the chamber charges made against himself by a court of law in his own state was witnessed in the senate when Senator Mitchell, of Oregon, spoke of the indictment recently returned against him by an Oregon grand jury. The senator has not previously appeared in the senate since the indictment was returned and was received by his fellow senators with many evidences of good will. He was much affected, his emotion at times being such that he read his statement with great difficulty.

At the outset the senator declared that the charges made against him, if true, unfitted him to occupy a seat in the senate. He then detailed the charges and said:

"I assert in the most positive and unqualified manner that each and every one of those charges, in so far as they relate to or involve me, are absolutely, unqualifiedly and atrociously false and here and now indignantly and definitely denounce their authors, each and every one of them, and brand them publicly as malicious and atrocious liars."

Mitchell attacked Francis J. Heney, the attorney for the government in the prosecution of the land frauds, accusing him of unprofessional conduct. He charges that Heney had offered clemency to Puter, Emma L. Watson and others if they would make statements involving himself (Mitchell) and Congressman Hermann and others.

More than half the senators who greeted Senator Mitchell today urged him to remain in the senate and continue to participate in its proceedings. He, however, will not follow this advice, but will remain away as long as the indictment is pending.

Estes-James.

John Estes and Mrs. Kate James were united in marriage at Walla Walla, Wednesday.—Pendleton Tribune.

LOCAL OPTION UP

PROPOSED AMENDMENT BEFORE OREGON LEGISLATURE.

Gambling Law Introduced—State
Measure of Two Years Ago Has
Been Resurrected.

Representative Janes of Wasco has introduced the long expected bill amending the local option law. Many important amendments are offered, the chief being a provision that an election on the prohibition issue may be called in any precinct only on petition of 40 per cent of the registered voters. It also provides that the law shall not be applicable to precincts in incorporated towns except residence precincts and shall not apply to the sale of liquor by wholesalers. Under the provision of the bill 10 per cent of the voters in any county which adopted prohibition last November may demand the resubmission question in June, 1906. Emergency is declared so as to prevent the submission of the bill to popular vote under referendum. The bill eliminates county prohibition and provides only for precinct prohibition.

Gambling Law Introduced.

The anti-gambling bill, introduced at the special session a year ago and mysteriously stolen, after it had passed the house, has again made its appearance, and it is expected that the gambling interests will make a vigorous fight to prevent its passage. The new bill was introduced in the house by Gray of Douglas.

The precautions adopted by both the senate and house made it reasonably certain that a bill cannot be stolen while being carried from one chamber to another. The fight must therefore be in the open, and unless the bill be buried in committee it is likely to pass.

Witness Murdered.

The coroner's jury at Roseburg, in the case of Jack Rogers, the timber cruiser found shot through the head Monday, returned a verdict of murder by unknown parties. Rogers was one of the government's most important witnesses in the land frauds, and it is thought was murdered by implicated parties.

TO PROTECT GIRLS

ASSOCIATION FORMED TO WORK DURING THE FAIR.

A Central Committee Modeled After
the One That Served Well During
St. Louis Fair.

To protect innocent and inexperienced girls from the dangers and temptations of city life during the Lewis and Clark fair is the object of a central committee provided for by a meeting held recently in the assembly room of the Y. M. C. A., at Portland, says the Journal. The central committee is to be modeled after that which was called the exposition travelers' aid committee, which during the St. Louis exposition prevented a recurrence of the tragic loss of more than 600 girls, who going to Chicago, never again were heard from.

On this central committee will be one member from each of the woman's organizations of this city: The Y. W. C. A., the W. C. T. U., the Woman's Club, the City Federation of Women's Clubs, Portland Women's Union, Epworth League, Y. P. S. C. E., Baptist Young People's Union, and other societies engaged in religious and philanthropic work. The committee will have a president, three vice-presidents, recording and corresponding secretaries, treasurer and, probably, a woman who will devote all or most of her time to supervision of the committee's operations. Committees will be appointed on these branches of the work. Finance, travelers' aid, to meet trains and steamers, to distribute literature warning girls before the exposition opens, housing of girls without employment and securing work for those who are found without means, a press committee to provide one lodging house wherein girls may be cared for until disposed of permanently.

TO TEST LIQUOR LAW.

Freewater Saloon Men to Appear in
Circuit Court.

A test case of the local option law is to be made by Taylor & Ireland, Freewater saloon men, says the East Oregonian. Freewater was declared "dry" as a result of the vote on prohibition at the November election and all saloons in that precinct were supposed to have closed their doors before January 1. But it is alleged that Taylor & Ireland kept open and sold liquor after the first of the year and the district attorney has filed complaint against them.

It is understood the defendants in the action, backed by other saloon men in the county, are anxious for the case to come to trial in order to base an action whereby the constitutionality of the local option law may be determined. A similar case is now pending in Wasco county.

George Ireland was arraigned in the state circuit court on a charge of conducting a saloon at Freewater after his license had expired, and entered a plea of not guilty.

Exhibit Needs \$250.

County School Superintendent F. K. Welles has informed the county court that about \$250 will be required for the purpose of making an educational exhibit at the Lewis and Clark exposition. At the close of the fair the cabinets and the exhibits displayed will be retained as a permanent exhibit at the office of the county superintendent. The court will not make a direct appropriation for the exhibit, but has signified its willingness to allow reasonable bills incurred in its collection and display.

Jury and Land Cases.

D. M. Walton and C. D. Bills, witnesses before the federal grand jury investigating the land frauds, testified in regard to the Butt Greek Land and Livestock company and in the Gilman-French company, who together are accused of having enclosed over 100,000 acres of public domain in Cedar county. The investigation is supposed to have a bearing on Congressman Williamson.

Gallows Moved to Poor Farm.

The gallows erected for the hanging of Frederick Tom, wife murderer, and which for years has been in the basement of the court house at Pendleton, has been moved to the poor farm, where the timbers will be utilized in the construction of a hen house. The law requiring executions to take place in the penitentiary now makes gallows in county jails unnecessary.

Bill Relating to Teachers

Salem, Jan. 20.—Senator Miller has introduced into the Oregon senate a bill requiring teachers in the public schools of the state to give thirty days notice upon resigning their positions. The penalty for a violation of this law is that the state superintendent shall revoke the certificate of the offending teacher, and he or she shall be disqualified from teaching for the remainder of the school year in any Oregon public school. It is provided that sickness or other unavoidable circumstances which prevent the teacher from teaching one month shall be sufficient reason for the termination of the contract without the notice herein required by the teacher. It is also provided that the board may release a teacher from a contract by mutual agreement.

No Clue Left to Trace Him

Pendleton, Jan. 20.—The chief of police has received from Mrs. M. E. Lathrop of Sidney, Neb., an inquiry concerning the present whereabouts of her brother, Ray Kirby, who was last heard from in August, 1903, when he wrote a card to his mother from Athena. He had also written six weeks before, dating

his letter from Pendleton. His postal card, written at Athena, stated that he was working in the harvest fields and that the rig he was with was moving about so that his mail arrangements were uncertain. This was the final word the family has received and all clue to his location or fate has been lost.

Girl Again Under Arrest

Pendleton, Jan. 20.—Della Estes, alias Della Childs, alias Della Childers, is again in trouble in Portland. The young woman has been placed under arrest on the charge of larceny, the complaining witness being W. D. Mathews, proprietor of the lodging house where she had been staying. Mrs. Childs is

well known in this city and about a year ago figured in a sensational affair which is said to be the cause of her undoing. Portland officers say that she is one of the cleverest women with whom they have had to deal for many months, and they credit her with many successful crimes.

Fair Bill Passes the Senate

Pendleton, Jan. 20.—Senator Smith's bill creating the Third Eastern Oregon District Fair Association, comprised of Umatilla and Morrow counties, passed the senate this morning with but two dissenting votes. The irrigation

bills are being considered today. House bill No. 51, offered by Representative Cole of Umatilla county, and known as the irrigation commission's bill, is being amended, and will probably pass.